

## LOWER KING STREET STREETSCAPE NOTICE

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- ① The Streetscape public meeting to furnish an overview of accomplishments and discuss challenges of the project will be on Wednesday morning, October 22<sup>nd</sup> between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. in the main conference room at 75 Calhoun Street. **For those of you who have questions about your specific property, staff will be available *after* the meeting to address your individual issues.**
- ① The sewer laterals repair crews have been working this week on the east side of King Street in the blocks near Market Street and near Broad Street. Next week, work will occur around other projects in the blocks between Horlbeck Alley and Queen Street and between Fulton and Clifford Streets.
- ① Charleston Water Systems will finish filming the sewer main/laterals on the west side of King Street by week's end. However, the sewer laterals repair crews will film the pipes they are working on once repairs are made.
- ① The sewer repair work has expanded the project and changed conditions on the street. The lateral repair crews/equipment/vehicles presence will continue into mid to late November.
- ① Switch over of water services (domestic water feed) is on-going. Merchants and owners will be advised ahead of time of the temporary water shut off to their businesses/property by the Community Liaison.
- ① Demolition of the sidewalk and curb on King Street between Christian Michi and Golden & Associates/A'Riga IV is scheduled for completion next Monday. Also on Monday, curb installation is scheduled to begin on the Market Street end of the block and is expected to be completed by week's end at 204 King. Once the curb is in; bluestone sidewalk installation begins. Part of this process involves first laying electrical conduit in the sidewalk area. This work will also add a new sub-contractor to the project.
- ① The transformer pad in the Market-Horlbeck Parking Lot is expected to be poured this week.
- ① Next week, the Charleston Florist lot will reopen, but SCE&G and the Charleston Library Society lots remain closed.
- ① So far this week, water main installation has progressed to 162 King Street and will continue towards Queen Street next week. Electrical ductbank conduit work should reach Queen Street by week's end. Saw cutting and installation across Queen Street on King Street will begin next Monday.
- ① The prime contractor is closely monitoring all vehicles/equipment/supplies on the street. No unnecessary items are allowed.
- ① Please see the back of the flyer for details on the closure of Queen Street at King Street.

*Entrepreneurs are simply those who understand that there is little difference between obstacle and opportunity and are able to turn both to their advantage. Niccolo Machiavelli*



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 16, 2008**

**QUEEN STREET CLOSURE**

At 3:00 PM on Monday, October 20, 2008, one block of Queen Street will be closed between King and Meeting Streets. Anson Construction, contractor for the ongoing King Street Streetscape Project, is closing this block to accommodate the installation of a new water line, electrical duct bank and to allow for old trolley track removal in King Street. The street closing will last approximately 4 weeks. King Street will be open but reduced to one lane between Broad and Market.

During this closing, King Street will not be accessible to vehicles from Queen Street. Queen Street will accommodate 2- way traffic to Meeting Street between King and Meeting Streets. Pedestrian traffic will be accommodated.

Queen Street will be blocked just past the entrance to the Charleston County Parking Garage on Queen Street, allowing the exits and entrance to the garage to be used by parking customers during this period. This traffic change means that vehicles will be directed to leave Queen Street by way of Meeting Street. A STOP SIGN with a RIGHT TURN ONLY arrow will be at the corner of Queen and Meeting Streets next to the Mills House Hotel. Traffic will be allowed to turn right ONLY onto Meeting Street. All loading zones on Queen Street will be temporarily closed to accommodate the two-way traffic. No loading/unloading or parking will be allowed on the block. Alternate arrangements have been made to accommodate deliveries in this area. CARTA will redirect their buses from Queen Street.

Charleston City Police will be on site for the first days of this change to help direct traffic from this block on Queen Street, especially during peak hours. Once the installations are complete, the street will be reopened to the normal pattern of one-way traffic on this block.

The King Street Streetscape for the portion from Market to Broad Street began in June 2008 and the completion is anticipated in the spring, 2009. The project includes sewer main relining (which has been completed), new SCE&G electrical duct bank, a new CWS water main, new street lights, trolley track removal, new bluestone sidewalks and granite curbs and new asphalt for the roadway. The budget is \$4.5 million which includes assessments of adjacent businesses and buildings.

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